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January 31, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**ORIGINAL**

Re: Petition for Rulemaking of LoJack Corporation,  
RM-\_\_\_, filed October 25, 2004  
ET Docket No. 04-243

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Wheat Ridge, Colorado Police Department strongly supports the above referenced Petition for Rulemaking filed by LoJack Corporation requesting that the Commission expand the permitted uses and modify the technical requirements for operations on 173.075 MHz. This agency also supports LoJack's request, in the comments it filed in ET Docket No. 04-243, that the Commission provide for a fourteen year transition period, commencing with the effective date of the final rules in the proceeding, to convert to narrowband operations on 173.075 MHz.

Wheat Ridge Police Department is a full service police agency located on the northwest side of the Denver Metropolitan area. Our agency has had the LoJack tracking system installed in several of our patrol cars for the last five years, and have been successful in recovering stolen vehicles with the product. LoJack system is used to monitor signals from vehicles that have been stolen. Our agency has received calls from LoJack informing us that a stolen vehicle might be in the area and officers have responded and located the vehicles. In one case, officers were able to track a stolen Cadillac Escalade and found the vehicle occupied with several people responsible for a significant crime wave in our city and an adjoining city.

As described in the petition, LoJack seeks rule changes to allow it to provide public safety entities with additional services that will help us function better. LoJack also seeks changes to the technical rules that, in addition to facilitating these additional services, will enable LoJack to improve the performance of its stolen vehicle recovery system and to compensate for the effects of converting to narrowband operations. We believe LoJack's system enhancements will benefit us greatly.

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Our organization would use and benefit from LoJack's proposed new services. For instance, by obtaining the position of stolen vehicles via GPS, we will be able to dispatch tracker-equipped patrol vehicles to the general area where the stolen vehicles are located, and then perform the final tracking and recovery with the Vehicle Location Tracker. We believe this improvement will make our operations more efficient and significantly reduce the time elapsed from the theft of a vehicle and its recovery. This equates to far less damage to recovered vehicles and improved recovery rates.

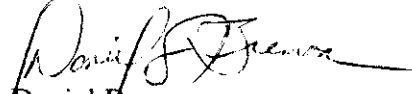
As our country becomes a target for terrorist activities, we are increasingly concerned regarding the movement of hazardous and dangerous cargos. LoJack's cargo tracking devices will enable us to track and recover stolen cargo that could threaten public safety and national security throughout all of North America. This will be accomplished by establishing a police operated national database of LoJack equipped containers and cargos, which can be queried by any law enforcement agency in the United States.

We also support LoJack's concept of including additional public safety and security features in its network. In addition to stolen vehicle recovery, LoJack may provide automatic notification of a severe accident, including the location of the accident, and report it directly to public safety. The network may also indicate the need for emergency medical or other assistance as appropriate. Finally, we support LoJack's concept of tracking individuals who are a risk, either to themselves or their community, including Alzheimer's victims, autistic children, and candidates for in-home arrest.

We respectfully ask the Commission to initiate the rulemaking LoJack has proposed in its Petition. We also urge the Commission to provide LoJack with a fourteen-year period to complete its transition to the new narrowband operations.

Sincerely,

WHEAT RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

  
Daniel Brennan  
Chief of Police